

Remarks

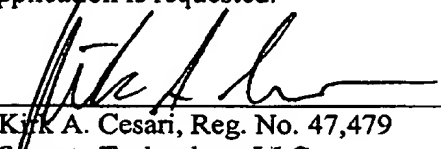
The Applicant has carefully read and reviewed the Final Office Action mailed November 14, 2003, and the references enclosed therewith. Claims 25-29, 31-36, and 38-40 were rejected. Claims 30, 37, and 41 were objected to. Claims 25 and 31 have been amended. Claims 29, 30, and 36-41 have been canceled. Claims 25-28 and 31-35 are still pending in the application.

Claims 25-28 and 31-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Cameron (US 6,185,063). Claims 25 and 31 have been amended to place them in condition for allowance by incorporating the limitations of objected to claims 30 and 37.

For the aforementioned reasons, claims 25 and 31 are believed to be patentable over the prior art of record, therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is requested. Claims 26-28 and 32-35 are dependent claims which ultimately depend from claim 25 or claim 31, all of which are believed to be patentable over the prior art of record for the reasons discussed hereinabove. Claims 26-28 and 32-35 are thus allowable as dependent claims depending from allowable independent claims and providing additional limitations thereto. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 25-28 and 31-35, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), is respectfully requested.

For these reasons, Applicant respectfully asserts that the present claims particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which is regarded as the invention. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 25-28 and 31-35 is respectfully requested. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and favorable action with respect to the present application is requested.

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